

Claims:

1. A method of intervening in a pipeline, comprising:
providing a pipeline for transporting fluid flow from an offshore well to a location;
diverting the fluid flow to a storage site; and
intervening in the pipeline.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the well is underbalanced.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein diverting the fluid flow to the storage site comprises diverting the fluid flow to an offshore tanker.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein diverting the fluid flow to the storage site comprises inserting a tap into the pipeline and flowing the fluid flow through the tap to the storage site.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the tap is inserted into the pipeline between the well and the storage site.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein intervening in the pipeline comprises inserting a tap into the pipeline downstream from the diversion of fluid flow to the storage site.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein coiled tubing is lowered from the storage site and inserted into the tap for intervening in the pipeline.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the coiled tubing is lowered through a moon pool disposed in the vessel.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the coiled tubing is lowered through a skid deck displaced to an outboard position.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein intervening in the pipeline occurs downstream with respect to initial fluid flow through the pipeline to the location from the diverting of the fluid flow to the storage site.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein intervening in the pipeline comprises removing blockage of the fluid flow within the pipeline.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein removing blockage comprises injecting acid through coiled tubing inserted in the pipeline.
13. The method of claim 11, wherein removing blockage comprises drilling into the pipeline and physically removing the blockage.
14. The method of claim 1, wherein intervening comprises removing a pig stuck in the pipeline.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein intervening comprises descaling the pipeline.
16. The method of claim 1, wherein intervening comprises removing paraffin from within the pipeline.
17. The method of claim 1, wherein intervening comprises repairing damage to the pipeline.
18. The method of claim 1, wherein the diverting and the intervening are accomplished from the same location.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein the location is an offshore tanker.

20. An apparatus for remediating an offshore pipeline and producing well fluids, comprising:
- a vessel capable of storing well fluids flowing through the pipeline from a well;
 - a first tubular body disposed on the vessel for diverting well fluid flow from the pipeline to the vessel for storing; and
 - a second tubular body disposed on the vessel for remediating the pipeline.
21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the first tubular body and the second tubular body are mounted on a superstructure above a main deck of the vessel.
22. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the vessel is capable of diverting well fluid flow through the first tubular body while remediating the pipeline through the second tubular body.
23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the vessel is capable of remediating the pipeline without interruption of production of well fluids.
24. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the first tubular body is a riser.
25. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the second tubular body is coiled tubing.
26. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the first tubular body is connected to a first tap inserted into the pipeline.
27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the second tubular body is connected to a second tap inserted into the pipeline.
28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the second tap is inserted into the pipeline downstream from the first tap inserted into the pipeline.

29. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the vessel is capable of processing well fluids flowing through the pipeline from the well.

30. A method of drilling a subsea wellbore from a vessel, comprising:
locating the vessel, the vessel having continuous casing;
drilling the wellbore; and
casing the wellbore with the continuous casing.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein drilling the wellbore comprises drilling the wellbore with the continuous casing.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein drilling the wellbore with continuous casing comprises lowering the continuous casing through a moon pool disposed within the vessel and drilling the continuous casing into a formation.

33. The method of claim 31, wherein drilling the wellbore with continuous casing comprises lowering the continuous casing through a skid deck displaced to an outboard position and drilling the continuous casing into a formation.

34. The method of claim 31, wherein the wellbore is underbalanced while drilling with the continuous casing.

35. The method of claim 31, wherein drilling the wellbore with the continuous casing comprises drilling the wellbore using an earth removal member operatively attached to a lower end of the casing.

36. The method of claim 30, further comprising receiving production fluid from the wellbore with the vessel.

37. The method of claim 30, further comprising storing production fluid from the wellbore on the vessel.

38. The method of claim 30, further comprising processing production fluid from the wellbore using processing equipment located on the vessel.
39. The method of claim 38, wherein the processing equipment and the continuous casing are within a closed loop.
40. A vessel for drilling an offshore wellbore, comprising:
a vessel;
continuous casing having an earth removal member operatively attached thereto disposed on the vessel for drilling the wellbore; and
storage equipment disposed on the vessel for storing hydrocarbon fluid produced from the wellbore.
41. The vessel of claim 40, wherein the continuous casing is mounted on a superstructure above a main deck of the vessel.
42. The vessel of claim 40, wherein the continuous casing is mounted adjacent a skid deck which may be displaced to an outboard position through which the continuous casing is lowered for drilling.
43. The vessel of claim 40, wherein the continuous casing is mounted adjacent a moon pool through which the continuous casing is lowered for drilling.
44. The vessel of claim 40, further comprising fluid processing equipment coupled to the storage equipment for processing the hydrocarbon fluid.